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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 3380
Hiroyuki HAYASHIKAWA et al. : Docket No. 2002_0072A
Serial No. 10/048,226 : Group Art Unit 2828
Filed May 13, 2002 : Examiner T. Nguyen

LASER OSCILLATOR

*Election #9
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement to elect a single species, as set forth in the Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, applicants hereby elect the species II depicted in Figs. 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 28 and 29 (drawn to a discharge tube's design). Claims 8-15 are readable on the elected species.

In view of this election, examination on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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